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Welcome 4B

Brig. Gen. Daniel J. Keefe

As I assume the responsibilities of KFOR's Multi-National Brigade (East), I look forward to continuing the success that this brigade has achieved over the last three years. This is an important mission in which I challenge every soldier in the brigade to perform their duties to the best of their abilities.

The soldiers of this brigade are well-trained professional men and women who are ready and fully prepared to continue the mission of providing a safe and secure environment for the people of Kosovo.

We are a multi-national brigade and that is our strength. We have all come together in Multi-National Brigade (East) and KFOR to demonstrate to the people of Kosovo that everyone deserves fair and equal treatment, regardless of race, religion or ethnic background. I look forward to continuing the cooperation between units shared by the last rotation and making it stronger for us over the next six months.

Just as the cooperation we share as multi-national forces is important so to is the cooperation we share with civilian organizations such as UNMIK, CIVPOL and the KPS. A great success story is the cooperative efforts of CIVPOL, KPS and Multi-National Brigade (East) forces. We need to continue that close cooperation and build on the work done by our predecessors.

Every day, thousands of Multi-National Brigade (East) soldiers walk the streets and the hills of Kosovo and are in constant contact with the people of Kosovo. As we conduct that mission I expect every soldier in the brigade to conduct themselves to the highest of standards, because fundamental to our success as the new Multi-National Brigade (East) is the strict adherence to standards. It is a mark of a strong unit. We have standards for everything we do from uniforms, to weapons clearing, to patrolling – leaders must know the standards and enforce them.

Finally, another of our standards is treating all people with courtesy and respect regardless of their culture or religion. A positive move towards normalization will occur when courtesy and respect is practiced by all the people of Kosovo. We certainly cannot allow the bad people to take us back to the past, but instead, together we will move forward with the good people of Kosovo who want a brighter future for their children.

Soldiers of Multi-National Brigade (East), continue your commitment to the safety and security of the people of Kosovo – you are making a difference in this part of the world and you should be rightly proud of your accomplishments.



On the cover: Photo by Master Sgt. Thomas Hayes
Spc. Robert M. Sage tightens the tail rotor encasement of a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter at Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo. Sage is from the 236th Medical Co. (Air Ambulance).

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Keeping in touch with those back home

By Pfc. Whitney Hughes

It's hard to imagine that just two years ago, the main facility used by thousands of U.S. service members to call home was a single tent operated by Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

There were six defense switched network (DSN) telephones and five tactical internet stations, according to MWR programmer Glen McMurtry. Service members in MNB(E) were lucky if they could make a call or get on line once a week.

Today, with the added services of video teleconferencing, more DSN lines and tactical and non-tactical internet servers, the issue for service members here and at Camps Magrath and Monteith is not when will a service member have an opportunity to call home, but how often and by what means.

That translates into a happy soldier and a happy soldier is a focused soldier.

"The more I talk to my family the more it motivates me to do my job better," said Pfc. Michael Evans, a combat engineer with Alpha Company, 9th Engineer Battalion.

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Video teleconferencing, which enables a service member to see as well as talk to family and friends, has been a big hit, especially with married service members.

"It has made my marriage stronger," said Sgt. John Tucker, a team leader with Charley Company, 9th Engineer

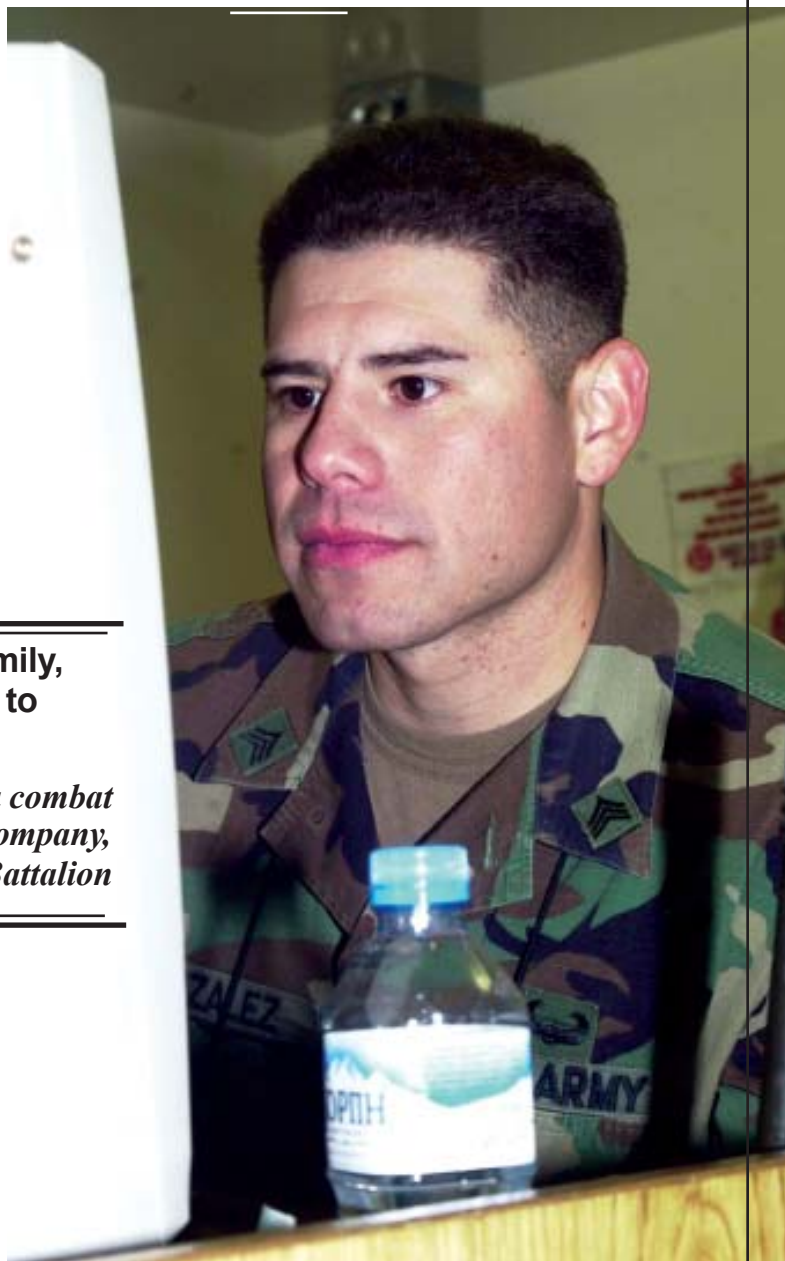


Photo by Pfc. Whitney Hughes

Sgt. Michael Gonzalez, a cannon crew member with the 1-7th Field Artillery, checks his email at the South Town MWR cyber cafe. Gonzalez uses the facilities regularly to communicate with his wife and 3-year-old son in Houston.

Battalion. The VTC has allowed Tucker to witness the changes in his 5-month-old daughter as she grows up.

In addition to MWR, AT&T phone centers have become a fixture at MNB(E). (Cost saving phone cards are available at the exchange and shoppettes.) There is also the traditional way of communicating: The Army Post Office (APO) offers free mailing service for letters and packages not exceeding 13 ounces.

During the holidays, there is even more incentive to contact home. The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) provides free calling cards. Service members can go online at www.vfw.org and fill out an application. The American Red Cross offers free greeting cards and traditional cards are available year around.

Peacekeeper profile



Allen Thompson

Age: 24

Rank: 1st Lt.

MOS: 31A, Military Police

Unit: 1st Military Police Company

Camp: Monteith

Hometown: St. Louis, MO

What do you like to do when you're off duty? Listen to music, read books, watch movies and work out.

In your own words, what is your role in MNB(E)? I manage our Headquarters sections and provide operational support to the line platoons. I stand in whenever the commander is out conducting missions.

Why did you join the Army? My mother is a Navy recruiter, my father was enlisted for 21 years in the Army, and my brother is an E-5 in the Marine Corps. It's in the family.



From left, Spc. William Ristau and Cpl. John Tanner of 2nd Platoon, 1st MP Company, 1st ID speak to children in the village of Novo Brdo on a Nov. 7 presence patrol.

Photo by Spc. Christopher Gookin

MP patrol reaches out to Kosovo youth

By Spc Christopher Gookin

NOVO BRDO, Kosovo — The early evening hours of Nov. 7 echoed with the children's chants of "U.S. number one! U.S. number one!" as a convoy of military police entered the United Nations compound at Novo Brdo.

It was as if a professional sports team had rolled into town to sign autographs. The children immediately surrounded the members of 2nd Platoon, 1st Military Police Company of the 1st Infantry Division as they exited their HUMVEEs and prepared for a patrol. The MPs greeted the children with smiles, handshakes and an occasional high five.

When the children proudly displayed their toy handguns the MPs reminded them that the guns were "...just for play, just toys!"

Novo Brdo, a small municipality, consists of 11 smaller

villages and is located in the Gnjilane/Gjilan region of eastern Kosovo. The terrain surrounding Novo Brdo is characterized by mountain passes, deep gorges, and small homes and barns perched between the edge of the road and steep hillsides. Cows and goats crisscross the narrow roadway between pastures. Clouds weave their way through rolling hills and valleys.

The MPs, whose unit is known as *The Regulators*, were here responding to reports of alleged vandalism to the compound, and also of a vehicle blocking the compound. During their investigation they interviewed the UNMIK Municipal Administrator for Novo Brdo to gather details.

The administrator, Nivedita Haran, said that KFOR is doing a good job in helping to create a stable environment.

A goal of presence patrols like this one is to reassure the citizens of Kosovo that MNB(E) is committed to a safe and secure environment during the transition from 4A to 4B.

MP patrols are comparable with community policing, said Cpl. John Tanner, a member of 1st MP Co.

"I like the contact with the kids," Tanner said. "If we turn things around for those kids, then we start working towards the end. Helping to stabilize internal issues and working towards redeveloping the infrastructure is a noble cause."

Responding to radio calls and walking the narrow streets of villages and towns, meeting and interviewing the civilians are just a part of the task. These patrols give the MPs valuable feedback on how KFOR, and specifically MNB(E) troops, are being received.

According to Tanner, everyone has been receptive to the KFOR presence and the MPs have been received well in the various villages.

The Regulators, who operate under Task Force 793 MPs, are responsible for one of the largest sectors in MNB(E), conducting mounted and dismounted patrols as far north as the administrative boundary line (ABL) and east to Kamenica.

Peacekeeper profile



Nicholas R. Blevins

Age: 23

Rank: Sgt.

MOS: 95B, Military Police

Unit: 1st Military Police Company

Camp: Bondsteel

Hometown: Bremerton, WA

What are you good at? I'm good at leading soldiers.

Why did you join the Army? To serve my country and it's a family tradition.

What advice would you give to soldiers coming to Kosovo?

Don't be too worked up over things you can't control.

U.S. Marines honor 227 years of tradition

By 2nd Lt. Veronica Saffo

SKOPJE, FYROM — United States Marines from Camp Bondsteel, Camp Monteith and Film City joined more than 200 other guests at the Marine Corps 227th Anniversary Birthday Ball held Nov. 8.

Ambassadors, foreign dignitaries, local politicians, foreign military and civilians gathered at the Alexander Hotel to commemorate the Marine Corps birthday, which is Nov. 10.

A Marine color guard presented the colors from Camps Bondsteel and Monteith. The color guard included, Cpls. John Pignone and John Kilby, Staff Sgt. Christopher Fritz, and Sgt. Jim Hides.

For Pignone, it was his first time presenting the colors at a Marine ball held in a foreign country.

"It is hard to match the high standards set by those Marines before us, but I hope we did that tonight," he said.

For others, it was their last. Chief Warrant Officer Scott Gibson will retire soon.

"The best Marine Corps ball I ever attended was in Scotland," said Gibson. "I was a sergeant and served on the Color Guard."

The guest of honor was Col. Timothy Kolb, who dedicated the evening to Cpl. Antonio Sled, the most recent fallen Marine.

Kolb reminded the guests that Sled was the 22-year-old Marine killed in combat last month in Kuwait. He added that the Marine Corps is composed of young soldiers like Sled, who are willing to make the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

More than 40 percent of U.S. Marines are under the age of 20, Kolb added. His address was followed by the traditional cake-cutting ceremony. By tradition, the youngest and oldest Marines were the first to eat a piece of cake. In order to share this special occasion with all of their military brethren, the Marines held cake ceremonies at both Camp Bondsteel and Film City.

A formal dinner was served and followed by cake. A live band provided music for the crowd's dancing pleasure.

The tradition of the Marine Corps Birthday dates back to the 13th Marine Commandant, Gen. John A. Lejeune. In 1921, he issued an order that summarized the history,



Photo by 2nd Lt. Veronica Saffo

Marine Corps Color Guard honors its history on the Marine Corps 227th Birthday at Camp Able Sentry on Nov. 8.

mission and tradition of the Corps. He directed that the order be read to all Marines on Nov. 10 each year to honor the

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Red Cross temporarily halts distribution of donations

By Sgt. 1st Class Dan Landry

Effective immediately, the American Red Cross has stopped collecting items for shipment to United States service members overseas until further notice.

Focus on homeland security combined with an increased amount of donations sent overseas since the tragedies of Sept. 11, 2001, has caused the U.S. military to reevaluate the Red Cross's procedures for shipping and package screening, said Barbara Hughes, Red Cross senior station manager for MNB(E) at Camp

Bondsteel.

The Red Cross is currently working to establish a new distribution system that will address the military's security concerns, Hughes said. She assured that there would be no lapse in the agency's commitment to U.S. service members.

"Please be patient with us," she said. "We need to stretch the supplies we have now and the supplies currently in the pipeline for as long as possible."

She added, "The primary concern is

for the safety and welfare of all Red Cross staff as well as the soldiers we support (at Bondsteel and elsewhere abroad.)"

The Red Cross was founded in 1863 in Geneva, Switzerland to provide nonpartisan care for wounded soldiers. It has flourished for 139 years thanks to volunteers and donations. Today, these donations continue to bring a much-appreciated measure of comfort to U.S. service members around the world.



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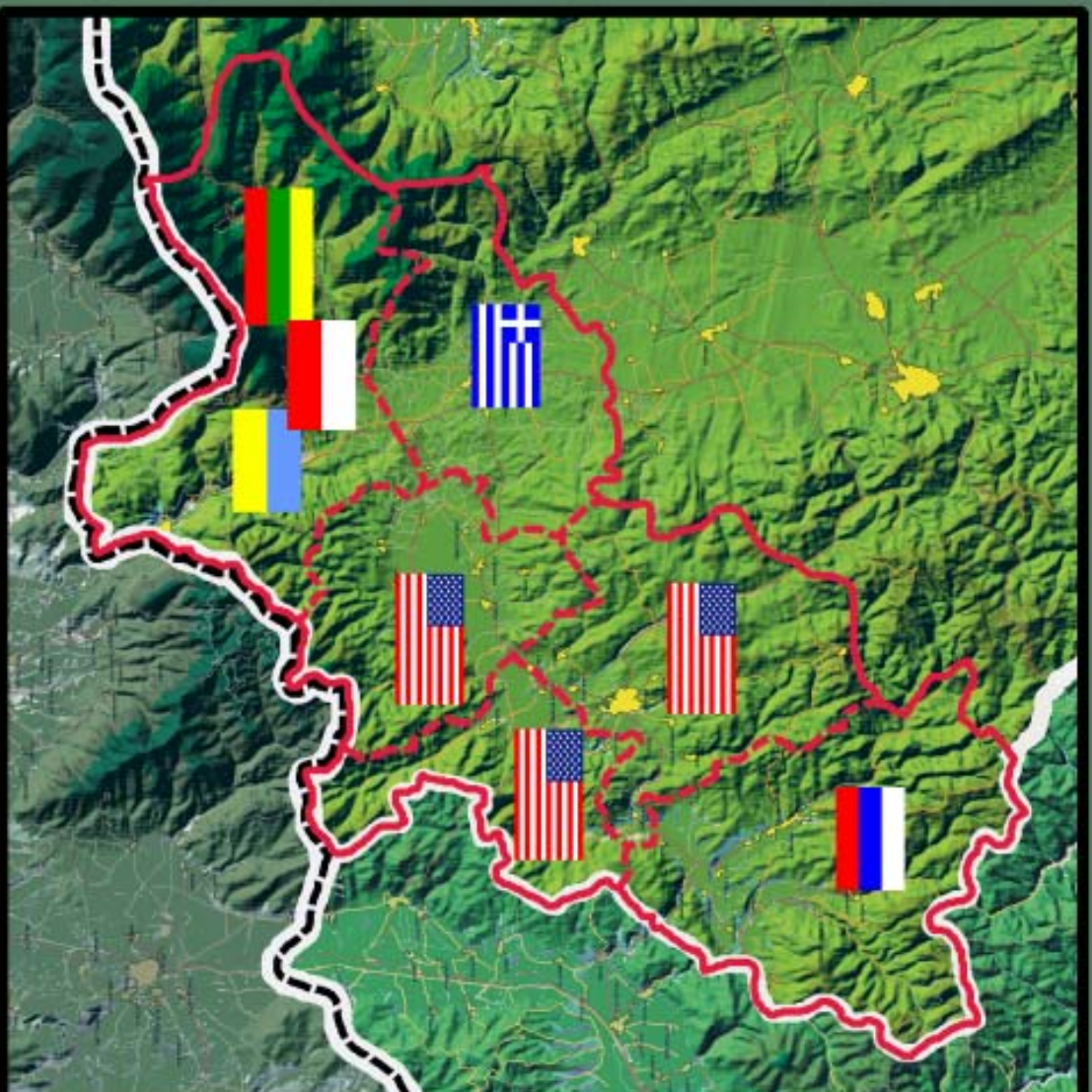
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(Greece)



1-6 Field Artillery



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Camp Blandford, Kosovo



13th Tactical Group
(Russia)



Task Force Eagle



POLUKRBAT



TF Med Falcon



2-63 Armor



793rd

Military Police



2-2 Infantry



Peacekeeping: Our mission

By Pfc. Whitney Hughes

AOR

CAMP BONDSTEEL, Kosovo — One of the first military skills we learn in basic training is how to follow orders. To carry them out effectively, we must understand the mission. And while we might know our specified task, the larger operation may not be as clear.

Here in MNB(E), it can be confusing for a service member to see how their role fits into the KFOR peacekeeping mission.

We must first understand that our mission here differs from a traditional war-fighting mission. There is no enemy. There is no land to defend or capture. No one is invading. Instead, we are here to help restore peace to a once turbulent area.

By now, you should know it by heart: Our mission here is "to maintain a safe and secure environment." At the same time, we must maintain our war-fighting skills.

As part of a NATO-led, multi-national effort, our ultimate goal in Kosovo is to help establish a lasting democratic society and return control of every day matters, from law enforcement to municipal government, to civilian authorities.

More than three years after the United Nations Security Council approved Resolution 1244 to halt an ethnic war in Kosovo between Albanians and Serbians, we are getting there.

Although all of KFOR shares a common end goal, its forces are divided into sectors, or areas of responsibility (AOR) covering the entire province of Kosovo. It is roughly the size of Connecticut. There is a headquarters and a north, east, central and southwest sector. We, as MNB(E) personnel, serve within the east sector of Kosovo. We have three primary areas of operations to promote security throughout our sector: Camps Bondsteel, Monteith and Magrath.

Our forces in MNB(E) are a combination of many international military personnel. In addition to U.S. service members in 4B, there are forces from Greece, Poland, Ukraine, Lithuania, and Russia.

The Mission

The first question we as members of the military may have is, "What happened in Kosovo that requires our presence?"

Prior to the establishment of KFOR in 1999, Kosovo was embroiled in a humanitarian crisis. Military and paramilitary forces from the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY) and the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) were fighting in part over Kosovo's status as a federal republic, independent of Serbia. Ethnic tensions between Serbians and Albanians were fierce. More than 1,500 Albanians died. Serbians were victims of revenge and forced from their homes. In all, nearly one million people fled Kosovo to seek refuge elsewhere.

The international community, concerned about reports of ethnic cleansing, eventually stepped in after Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic disregarded diplomatic efforts toward a peaceful resolution.

NATO authorized air strikes to force an end to the fighting. The air bombing campaign lasted 70 days and targeted key military installations and resources.

In June 1999, Resolution 1244 was signed and stipulated the following: "An immediate and verifiable end to violence and repression in Kosovo; the withdrawal of the military, police and paramilitary forces of the Federal Republic; deployment of effective international and security presences, with substantial NATO participation in the security presence, and unified command and control."

The results of the edict have been promising. During the first 12 months of MNB(E) in Kosovo, there were 826 incidents of hostile fire, 24 mortar/recoilless rifle attacks, 35 altercations with unruly crowds, 144 grenade attacks and 63 mine strikes, according to statistics compiled by MNB(E).

Nearly three years later, the number of violent incidents has dropped to its lowest point. In the last six months, there were 15 incidents of hostile fire, one altercation with an unruly crowd, seven grenade attacks and 518 incidents of violent crime, according to 4A command and operations information.

The local police force, Kosovo Police Service (KPS), continues to develop. There are multi-ethnic clinics, scout troops, and sporting events. Refugees and displaced persons are returning to their homes. As outgoing 4A



Photo by Sgt. Brent Wucher

A Greek soldier mans the gate at the 501st Mechanized Infantry Battalion at Partes on Nov. 16.

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Polish celebrate independence

By Spc. Christopher Gookin

CAMP WHITE EAGLE, Kosovo –

On a day when the Polish/Ukraine Battalion celebrated Poland's struggle for independence 84 years ago, the unit's commander, Lt. Col. Wojciech Marchwica, reflected on another people's struggle.

"It feels good seeing people free," said Marchwica, referring to efforts of the Kosovo people to establish a stable, democratic society. "Same as our Polish people after we gained independence. These people feel the same. We have similar feelings about being free."

Marchwica and his battalion were joined by other KFOR forces and commanders at Camp White Eagle on Nov. 11 to recognize Poland's 84th Independence Day, and the contributions Polish soldiers have made to the peacekeeping mission in Kosovo.

"Every day Polish soldiers are giving the people of this area a chance to live in normalcy and peace," said Brig. Gen. Douglas E. Lute, MNB(E) 4A commander. "This is a contribution that all Polish citizens should be proud of, just as we in NATO are proud to serve alongside this battalion. It seems especially appropriate on this Independence Day that this battalion is serving in this NATO mission to bring peace to this corner of Europe."

KFOR Commander Lt. Gen. Fabio Mini echoed Lute's sentiments commenting on the battalion's dedication and commitment to the KFOR goal of a safe and secure environment. A Passing in Review was followed by a grand meal featuring traditional Polish and Ukraine foods.

The POL/UKR Battalion was formed on Oct. 5 1995, and it is currently headquartered in Przemysl, Poland.



Photo by Spc. Christopher Gookin

Members of the Polish/Ukrainian Battalion prepare to Pass in Review during Polish Independence Day celebration on Nov. 11 at Camp White Eagle.

The multi-national battalion was created to support United Nation missions.

The current mission in Kosovo dictates a battalion structure based on four motorized companies — two Polish and two Ukrainian. Additionally, one Polish Headquarters Company and a logistic support unit from both countries operates in the battalion. The POL/UKR Battalion is further supported by a motorized Lithuanian platoon and representatives from U.S. Special Forces.

The POL/UKR Battalion's first deployment began in July 2000. Stationed near the FYROM border, its first deployment was characterized by

pitched battles, illegal border crossings, and seizing weapons caches. Roughly 70 percent of the battalion has returned for a second deployment to Kosovo. Within the battalion's area of operations it conducts as many as 70 patrols a day. Because of the rugged terrain, most patrols are by foot.

"All poor people have the same problem. They need help," Marchwica said. "Kosovo poor and Polish poor need help. War is a disaster."

Upon its redeployment, the battalion splits and returns to Poland and the Ukraine. But it has scheduled combined exercises and training throughout the year.

Marine tradition continued...

founding of the Marine Corps.

Since then, Nov. 10 has become a widely celebrated occasion for U.S. Marines around the world. The first "formal" celebration took place in Philadelphia in 1925. Over the years the annual birthday ball has grown into a polished, much anticipated ceremony. In 1952, Marine Commandant Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr. formalized the cake-cutting ceremony and other traditional observances.

Now, the first piece of cake must be presented to the oldest U.S. Marine present. The second piece goes to the

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youngest Marine present. Another mandate is a solemn reading of the Marine Commandant's birthday message to the Corps.

According to the U.S. Marine's History and Museums Division, "This unique holiday for warriors is a day of camaraderie, a day to honor Corps and Country. Throughout the world on 10 November, U.S. Marines celebrate the birth of their Corps — the most loyal, most feared, most revered, and most professional fighting force the world has ever known."

Peacekeeping continued...

Commander Brig. Gen. Douglas E. Lute pointed out in the previous issue of *Guardian East*, "There are very positive signs that many people in this region are beginning to accept or at least tolerate others of different ethnicities."

What We Need To Know

Open your KFOR Handbook. It's an excellent overview of our mission. It reads in part, "An international civil and security presence (KFOR), with substantial NATO participation... will be deployed to Kosovo under unified command and control and authorized to establish a safe environment for all people in Kosovo."

This simply means that our main purpose here is to work with the people of Kosovo. We do that by using our peace-keeping skills as opposed to war-fighting skills. They involve similar tactics, but they involve different targets.

Prior to our deployment to MNB(E), we learn and practice many of these skills at mission rehearsal exercises or MREs. They range from cordon and searches to presence patrols and meetings with municipal leaders. Commanders are also taught how to answer questions from local media.

"The principles of patrolling remain the same and obviously there are the rules of engagement, which are different," explained Maj. Jeffrey Church, 4A chief of operations. "A soldier understanding the rules of engagement is one major key to success here in this environment."

During a typical week, MNB(E) personnel conduct about 1,380 presence patrols and fly about 420 hours. There are 15 fixed-site security missions, eight MP sub-stations and seven satellite camps manned around the clock, according to 4A command and operations statistics.

In order to help promote the transition back to civil authority, we work with the United Nation's police force (CIVPOL), the Kosovo Police Service and the Kosovo Protection Corps.

Due largely to the success of these collaborative efforts, MNB(E) was able to close eight of the 12 base camps during the 4A rotation.

"Through all of the different KFOR rotations that have come here, each one has made a significant contribution to normalizing the living conditions here in Kosovo," Church said. "We're not done, but we're a lot further along than we were in 1999."

Hours of Operation

Camp Bondsteel

American Red Cross:

Mon - Sun, 0600 - 2400

Laundry Services:

Mon - Sun, 0730 - 1930

Post Office Main:

Mon - Sat, 0900 - 1600
Sun, 1100 - 1500

Post Office Annex:

Mon - Sat, 0900 - 1500
Sun, 1100 - 1500

Sick Call:

Mon - Tues - Wed - Fri,
0800 - 1000
1300 - 1500

Thur,

0800 - 1000

Sun,

1300-1500

Dining Facility:

Breakfast, 0600 - 0900
Lunch, 1130 - 1300
Dinner, 1700 - 2000
South DFAC late meal, 2300 - 0100
Sandwich shop, 24 hours

MWR / Gym:

Mon - Sun, 24 hours

Education Office:

Mon - Sun, 0700 - 1900

AAFES:

Main PX, 1000 - 2200

Barber Shop:

Mon - Sun, 0800 - 1900

Beauty Shop:

Mon - Tues, 0930 - 1730
Thur - Sun, 0930 - 1730

Sewing Shop:

Mon - Sun, 0730 - 1930

Burger King:

Mon - Sun, 0800 - 2200

Cappuccino Bar:

Mon - Sun, 0800 - 2300

Camp Monteith

American Red Cross:

Mon - Sat, 1000-2200

Laundry Service:

Mon - Sun, 0700-1900

Post Office:

Mon - Sat, 0900-1800

Sick Call/Health Center:

Mon - Sun, 24 hours

Dining Facility:

Breakfast, 0600 - 0900
Lunch, 1130 - 1300
Dinner, 1700 - 2000
South DFAC late meal, 2300 - 0100

MWR / Gym:

Mon - Sun, 24 hours

Barber Shop:

Mon - Sun, 0800-1800

Beauty:

Mon - Sun, 0900-1800

Sewing Shop:

Mon - Sun, 0700-1900

AAFES:

Mon-Sat, 0900-2000
Sun, 1000-1800

Burger King:

Mon-Sat, 1000-2200
Sun, 1100-2200

Cappuccino Bar:

Mon-Sun, 0800-2400

Jewelry Shop:

Mon - Sun, 0930 - 1900

Chapel Hours:

See web: <http://www.mnbe.hqusareur.army.mil/support/chaplain/chaplainmain.htm>

A FEW WORDS WITH...

Capt. David S. Bowerman

Chaplain, Task Force Med Falcon

False worries can mislead

One day when I was a kid my father told me that I had to go to the doctor for a polio immunization. Immediately I was filled with dread. Like most kids I hated going to the doctor and was always afraid of getting shots. As we drove downtown, I wondered how big the needle would be and how much it would hurt. In my mind the doctor was Captain Ahab with a syringe for a harpoon.

We got to the doctor's office and I dragged my feet going in. After we checked in, I tried to look at the magazines in the waiting room, but nothing could get my mind off of what was to come. Finally the nurse came and called my name; I went with my father like a condemned man headed for that final walk down Death Row. The nurse gave me a sugar cube to put on my tongue and I thought, "Oh no, this one is so bad they have to bribe the kids first!" Or maybe, "I thought, there was a sedative on the cube to calm me down before the horrible shot." I imagined myself getting sleepy as the nurse and my dad signed some paperwork. Finally, Dad said, "Let's go."

I was confused. "But...but the shot?"

"No shot," he said. "It's an oral polio vaccine."

No shot? Suddenly the whole day seemed to brighten. No shot! We went to MacDonald's for lunch and I was a happy kid.

Most of us are familiar with the Bible story of Jonah. You may remember that he was swallowed up by a whale (actually the Bible says a "great fish"). What you may not remember is how he came to be eaten by that fish. According to the Old Testament, God sent the prophet Jonah to preach to the citizens of Nineveh, a city known for its wickedness. He did not want to go. In fact, he went west instead of east and went to sea in order to avoid the assignment. God used a storm and a fish to get Jonah's attention. In the end, he went to Nineveh and found that his task was not as bad as he thought it would be. The people of that city actually listened to what he had to say in spite of his preconceived notions.

It's probably safe to say that all of us have our own Ninevehs. Whether it's going to the doctor or dentist, getting shots, or being deployed, it's just human nature that makes us try to imagine what it will be like. A lot of times our imagination makes the event worse than it actually turns out



to be. Or our perception of the event makes us focus only on the negative aspects. Mark Twain had it right when he said, "There has been much tragedy in my life; at least half of it actually happened."

As a child I hated shots because in my mind the pain was not worth the long-term benefits. So it is with anything worthwhile. Often blessings do not seem like blessings, but if we only focus on what *might* happen, then we might miss out on something great. May your experience in Kosovo be something great!

Peacekeeper profile



Roger Jones

Age: 19

Rank: Pfc.

MOS: 71L, Administrative Specialist

Unit: 2-2 Infantry

Camp: Monteith

Hometown: Arlington, Texas

The last movie watched? Band of Brothers

In your own words, what is your role in MNB(E)? A mail clerk with the Task Force 2-2 Infantry.

What advice would you give to soldiers coming into Kosovo? Save and invest your money, and make the best out of your time in Kosovo

For additional news, see

www.mnbe.hqusareur.army.mil

Civil Affairs helps Kosovo school

Coolio performs for MNB(E) personnel



Photo by Sgt. Erin Elliott
A sunset over Camp Bondsteel captures
the quiet glory of our nation's colors.